

Historic Richmond Foundation (HRF) and The William Byrd Branch of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (WBB/APVA) are pleased to announce that the Monument at Monumental Church, 1224 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA, will be dismantled on Wednesday, April 23rd. The marble Monument will be carefully taken apart by crane and each piece will be placed in custom-made storage boxes. The stone sections are extremely heavy and a special crane has been brought in to facilitate the dismantling. The Monument will be kept in storage until it is stabilized for public exhibition.

The Monument has been intact and undisturbed since its erection in 1814.

HRF, owner of Monumental Church, hired John Milner Associates from Alexandria, VA to study the Monument and to create a program to restore the severely deteriorated Monument. The research has determined that the Monument is too weak to be restored and that a new replica will be created and put in place.

The WBB/APVA has partnered with HRF to underwrite the entire duplication process of the Monument. Last week a complete laser scan was taken of the Monument. This data will provide the exact information needed to create a duplicate stone Monument. WBB/APVA is also funding the filming of documentary to capture this high-tech, cutting edge duplication process.

You are invited to come take part in this historic and exciting occasion. Come to Monumental Church and watch the dismantling process starting at 10:30 tomorrow. The process will last most of the day. Once everything is crated the boxes will be taken to the National Theatre for storage.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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